



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Paul VAN DER VEEN

Group Art Unit: 2881

Appln. No.: 09/988,387

Examiner: NOT ASSIGNED

Filed: November 19, 2001

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE
MANUFACTURED THEREBY

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Date: April 9, 2002

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the enclosed European search reports and before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, therefore, no fee is due.

Copies of EP 0 766 144 and PCT/WO99/39414 are no longer being provided herewith since these references were already submitted for consideration by the Examiner in Applicants' Form PTO-1449 filed November 19, 2001.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.

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Should a first Action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 1.17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81468/284021 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of the foregoing and the enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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